

## **Project 11 -- Environmental Permitting**

The September meeting was held on September 18 via three remote ICN sites (Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, and Waterloo). Discussion centered around the survey which was completed and compiled by ABI and the development of the RFP. Teams were assigned to develop the RFP; coordinate the vendors conference; and evaluate/select recipient.

The Project 11 RFP was announced on September 28 and placed on the IowaAccess web page on October 7. The vendors conference is tentatively scheduled for October 20 at DNR Air West and the RFPs are due October 27.

The October meeting was canceled due to the short turnaround from the September meeting and the commitment from a majority of the members to attend the Vendor's meeting. The November meeting is scheduled for November 12.

The project has progressed smoothly after a slow beginning. The membership of the work group has been set fifteen people attended the September meeting, with all members agreeing to participate in some sort of activity. The professional associations on the work group have been excellent at both participating and engaging their membership for input. The ABI survey has proved most helpful in evaluating "next steps". The co-chairs of the committee are concerned about the six week timeline for RFP completion and advertising the RFP to all possible vendors. The work group has been encouraged to forward the names of possible vendors to the co-chairs for dissemination back to ICN to help alleviate these fears.

### **Work Plan Update**

The workplan is about 2-3 months behind due to the RFP process. A revised workplan will be presented to the work group in the coming weeks to be approved at the November meeting.